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# Mayor hopes to be remembered for ‘stirring the pot’

O’Brien hopes to finish two books by next Christmas ◆ Feels ‘relieved and happy’

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▶ The Ottawa Mission’s Diane Morrison receives the last of 500 City of Ottawa Agent of Change coins from Mayor Larry O’Brien for her work with the homeless.

On his last day in office, Mayor Larry O’Brien’s mind was already on his new job, writing two books about his term.

“I’m trying to write the story behind the stories,” he said yesterday. “Everything from the transit strike to my trial to a lot of other things that went on, the untold story, the story that wasn’t necessarily picked up by the media.”

What’s next? O’Brien himself isn’t sure.

“Right now the whole focus of my activities is on the writing side, and to relax, and then after that the next opportunity will present itself,” he said. “You know, I’m not someone who likes to sit quietly in the background and do nothing.

“I’ve had a joyful heart since about three days after the election and I’m wishing the council and the new mayor all the best and all of the wisdom that they can possibly muster to move forward for the city.”

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Travel

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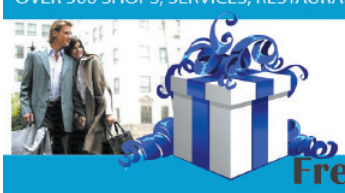

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The collection, use and disclosure of your personal health information are subject to the *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)* and this notice is being issued to provide you with information to help you to decide whether or not you want to share your information. The ministry is also subject to PHIPA.

## For All Ontarians

Currently, laboratories submit your test results back to the health care provider who ordered the test(s) and any other practitioner copied on a requisition form. However, there may be several other health care providers involved in your care, who would not have access to your laboratory test information. The Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS) is an electronic system that will allow hospital and community laboratories to share your lab test results with health care providers, and will be a component of the Electronic Health Record.

As of mid-December 2010, the ministry will assume custody and control of patients' laboratory test information that is submitted to and stored in OLIS. MOHLTC will then begin providing your test results to eHealth Ontario, to enable eHealth Ontario to share this information electronically with your health care providers. eHealth Ontario is the public agency that is working to deliver a secure and private electronic health care system for all Ontarians. As an agent of MOHLTC, eHealth Ontario can share this information electronically with any health care provider who delivers your health care in Ontario. MOHLTC will use and disclose your information only as permitted by law, and work to ensure that your information is secure and your privacy is respected.

### Protecting Your Privacy

Your privacy is important. As a patient, you can withdraw or reinstate your consent for MOHLTC and/or health care providers who have not ordered your laboratory tests to access your laboratory test information contained in OLIS. If you choose to withdraw your consent, MOHLTC and/or health care providers who have not ordered your laboratory tests will not have access to this information through OLIS. Choosing to withdraw your consent will in no way affect your relationship with your health care provider(s), who will continue to provide care to you.

### Deciding Not to Share Your Information

If you wish to withdraw or reinstate consent for MOHLTC or health care providers to access your test results submitted to OLIS, or for more information about this public notice, please call 1-800-291-1406 (TTY: 1-800-268-7095). For more information on OLIS, visit **ontario.ca/yourhealthprivacy.**

## For Ontarians Living with Diabetes

There are three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis. They are:

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The Diabetes Testing Report was created to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner) informed of when you last had each of these three tests.

People living with diabetes who are tested regularly are better able to manage their diabetes and avoid complications. The Report will help you and your primary care provider better manage your diabetes care by reminding him or her if you are overdue for an HbA1C test, LDL-C test, or retinal eye exam, and it will encourage you and your primary care provider to talk about your diabetes care.

### Protecting Your Privacy

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For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal health information for the purposes of the Diabetes Testing Report, call the numbers listed above. For more information about diabetes, visit **ontario.ca/diabetes.**

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# AIDS groups out to dispel youth's myths

**AIDS Committee of Ottawa set to mark World AIDS Day Keshia Chanté CANFAR's youth ambassador**

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Young people account for many of the new HIV cases in Canada, which is a sign that there needs to be more education directed towards youth, said the president and CEO of the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research.

"One of the biggest (groups) affected is young people up to age 25," said Chris Bunting. "When you look at the statistics, more than half of Grade 9 kids in Canada believe there is a cure for AIDS ... The fact remains that there is no cure, no vaccine, and we still have a global pandemic on our hands."

It's so critical to engage the Canadian youth that CANFAR is targeting the message towards them today on World AIDS Day.

**"Youth are an incredibly important audience. That generation is within its grasp to bring AIDS to its knees in Canada."**
**CHRIS BUNTING, CANFAR**

A generation ago, the life expectancy of someone diagnosed with AIDS was 11 months, said Bunting. These days, people can live with AIDS for a long time, and youth, he said, "don't see the complexity."

"I think people think HIV is a chronic, manageable disease, rather than a fatal illness," said AIDS Committee of Ottawa executive director Kathleen Cummings. "I think it should be taken seriously."

TRACEY TONG/METRO

▶ Kathleen Cummings, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, holds postcards the organization is going to distribute today to mark World AIDS Day. The ACO is holding a vigil at the Human Rights Monument on Elgin Street at 5 p.m. today.

# RCMP announces smoke bust

The RCMP seized 3.45 million contraband cigarettes in Ottawa following a search warrant late last week.

The organization said yesterday it conducted searches at an apartment on Montfort Street and various storage facilities located on Parisien Street, Canotek Road and Sieveright Avenue, where they seized 345 cases of contraband cigarettes, a small quantity of drugs, as well as four vehicles that were allegedly used to transport the contraband cigarettes in and around the National Capital Region.

**"The profits from illicit tobacco are often used by organized crime groups to fund other illicit activities."**
**STAFF SGT. PIERRE HAMEL, RCMP**

Police have charged Richard Cardinal, 50, of Ottawa, with one count of possession of a tobacco product not properly stamped and one count of possession of a substance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. TRACEY TONG

CONTRIBUTED

▶ The RCMP recently seized 3.45 million contraband cigarettes.

## News in brief

### Pedestrian dies after collision

**ACCIDENT.** A man in his 70s is dead after being struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Alta Vista Drive and Industrial Avenue just before 7 p.m. yesterday.

The man died from severe multi-system trauma injuries. Police are investigating.

STEVE COLLINS

### Impoundment program starts

**TRAFFIC.** Ottawa police advise that a new vehicle impoundment program begins today.

Drivers caught driving with a suspended licence, without a functioning vehicle ignition interlock device if they're required have one, or caught with a blood alcohol concentration over 80 mg will have their vehicles towed and impounded for seven days. STEVE COLLINS

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# Senator hits ice for charity

## Tremblant 24h is the biggest fundraiser in the North American skiing industry ‘It feels good to lend our name and make a difference’: Chris Phillips

Over a dozen kids were invited to Scotiabank Place yesterday to skate with Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips as organizers unveiled the 10th edition of the Tremblant 24h fundraiser.

After a long practice, Phillips played games with the kids, who represented the Ottawa charitable organizations that will receive funds from the Dec. 10-12 event.

“Time is definitely an issue. If it wasn’t, I’d be able to spend the whole weekend up there and really enjoy it,” said Phillips.

Nearly 2,000 participants will ski at Mont Tremblant over a 24-hour period to raise funds for organizations such as the Sens Foundation and Candlelighters, a childhood cancer support program. A record $1.5 million was raised last year.

Seeing the excited kids is what Phillips enjoys most about the event.

“It’s great to see when you can combine that with raising a lot of money for great causes — it was fun to be a part of,” he said.

JOE LOFARO

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▶ Molly Robillard, 8, got her jersey signed by Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips yesterday at Scotiabank Place for the unveiling of the 10th edition of Tremblant’s 24h skiing event, which starts Dec. 10.

## Power CEO among most powerful

This year’s list of Canada’s 100 most powerful women includes an Ottawa woman responsible for keeping the power on.

Rosemarie Leclair, president and CEO of the Hydro Ottawa Group of Companies, received the prestigious Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award earlier this week from the Women’s Executive Network for her contributions to the country’s energy sector. This year’s award is Leclair’s second. She was also honoured in 2007.

A complete list of winners can be found at www.top100women.ca.

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**552 Canadian women from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors have received the Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award, which recognizes the country’s highest-achieving females.**

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NATALIE LISINSKA

## ‘I FELL IN LOVE WITH OTTAWA DURING THAT TRIP’

**Chloe actress Natalie Lisinska stars in InSecurity, a 13-part comedy series about the Canadian secret service set in Ottawa. The series premieres Jan. 4.**

**You play secret agent Alex Cranston. How do you know when you are right for the role?**
I had an instinctual understanding of the way the comedy should be told and the rhythm of the lines. I felt I was the one person who should do it. It’s a rare opportunity, where the writer writes with you in mind.

**The show is set in Ottawa, but it wasn’t filmed here?**
They have the most beautiful, sweeping helicopter shots of Ottawa. It’s gorgeous. But we filmed in Regina. It’s incredible how much Regina stands in as Ottawa.

**How do you feel about the capital?**
I love Ottawa. In 2005, I was shooting in the Chateau Laurier ... I got to see parts of the hotel that people don’t normally get to see. I fell in love with Ottawa during that trip.

TRACEY TONG

**Anti-razor.** Campaign

▶ Staff and members of Parliament, who grew moustaches for the month of November, hold a large moustache on the steps of Parliament Hill yesterday.

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# Movember, meet your makers

**They grew moustaches for an awareness campaign for prostate cancer. Their itchy efforts were part of the charitable phenomenon Movember, during which men across the globe tried their hand at some face furniture. Over the past month, MPs and staff were able to raise more than $30,000 for research.**

# Woman in SUV rollover rescued

A woman was injured in a single-vehicle crash after the SUV she was driving rolled onto its side, trapping her yesterday.

Emergency workers were called to Range Road at Somerset Street, where a team of more than a dozen firefighters removed the roof and windshield of the vehicle with hydraulic rescue tools to extricate the patient. Paramedics treated the woman for non-life-threatening injuries and transported her to hospital.

TRACEY TONG

# Ex-CSIS boss under fire from opposition MPs

- Comments by Jim Judd were revealed by WikiLeaks
- He should uphold law, say Liberals and NDP

WIKI LEAKS

Opposition MPs took a former spy chief to task yesterday for complaining that demands from the courts have hamstrung CSIS in a world where Canadians see security issues through rose-coloured glasses.

"It's inappropriate," said NDP public safety critic Don Davies, who called remarks by former Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Jim Judd demeaning and offensive.

Putting aside rights and freedoms in the name of fighting terrorism is dangerous, said Liberal public safety critic Mark Holland.

The MPs criticized July 2008 comments made by then-CSIS director Judd in a confidential Ottawa meeting with a senior U.S. official. He said judges had tied CSIS "in knots," making it ever more difficult to detect and prevent terror attacks in Canada and abroad.

The cable was obtained by whistleblower WikiLeaks and posted online Monday by the New York Times. WikiLeaks says there will be as many as 2,648 documents mentioning Canada.

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**The latest**

**The State Department has disconnected access to its files from the U.S. government's classified computer network.**

- **Julian Assange** Interpol has placed the WikiLeaks founder on its most-wanted list after Sweden issued an arrest warrant over a drawn-out rape investigation.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** WikiLeaks says a 2009 memo shows the Israeli prime minister was willing to cede West Bank land and territory in Israel itself for peace with Palestine.

**Australia.** AIDS

▶ U2's Bono kicks off World AIDS Day in Sydney.

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## Speaking up about AIDS

**More than 80 iconic landmarks across 13 countries are turning red to help promote awareness of the fight against the AIDS epidemic on World AIDS Day.**

## Gunman dies after school standoff

A 15-year-old who held about two dozen students and a teacher hostage for several hours in a classroom at a Wisconsin high school died yesterday at a hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said.

Sophomore Samuel Hengel shot himself after police stormed a classroom at Marinette High School on Monday night. Hengel had been holding most of the students and their social studies teacher hostage for several hours. No one else was wounded.

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**Police said the suspect fired three shots immediately before they entered the room, but did not aim at any students.**

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# Leaders meet on election etiquette

- Ontario rivals aim to avoid dirty tricks campaigns
- Hudak claims Liberals have been targeting his family

Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty and Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak have met secretly to discuss election campaign ground rules.

The unusual 15-minute confab took place in McGuinty's office at Queen's Park on Nov. 15, the premier said yesterday.

"We had a great conversation about the coming months and the (Oct. 6) election period itself and how important it was to maintain an ongoing dialogue," McGuinty said.

He noted the conversation happened the week before the Ontario Liberal Party asked Twitter to shut down a fake account that claims to be registered to Hudak's toddler daughter.

The account was still activated as of yesterday, and who launched it remains a mystery.

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**High-ground**

**NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says she plans to remain above the fray.**

"I'm concerned about being excluded, but if they want to talk about not throwing sand at each other, I'll just stay out of that conversation and try not to get any on me," said Horwath.

**Music.** Piracy

Marie Denise Pelletier and artist Luc Plamondon at Parliament Hill yesterday.

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## Quebec artists climb the hill

**Representatives of Artisti, a copyright collective for music artists operated by Quebec's l'Union des artistes, held a press conference at the centre of government yesterday on Parliament Hill. Highlighting the issue of copyright in Bill C-32, the artists proudly displayed their provincial colours to the media.**

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# Gov. Gen. goes into the West

## Students granted impromptu lesson

Canada's Governor General received a good old-fashioned western welcome when he visited Calgary yesterday.

David Johnston received the white cowboy hat that has become the symbol of the city from Mayor Naheed Nenshi and proudly recited an accompanying oath before joining in a resounding shout of "Yahoo!"

Johnston later spoke to Grade 9 students from Calgary's Sir Wilfrid Laurier School, who were attending a week-long course at city hall.

The former law professor and president of the University of Waterloo didn't forget his scholastic background. Returning to one of his favourite subjects from the past, he told the class — made up largely with children of new Canadians — that French explorer Samuel de Champlain, the discover of New France, made a great contribution to Canada.

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**"Samuel de Champlain was a person who believed in building settlements so people could build a life where their children would have a better opportunity than they did."**
GOV. GEN. DAVID JOHNSTON

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▶ Gov. Gen. David Johnston

**Calcutta.** Protest

▶ A policeman fires tear gas toward the supporters of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

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## Violent clashes in India

**A protest against rising prices in Calcutta, India, was broken up yesterday when police used tear gas and batons to disperse the crowd. Tensions flared when supporters of India's main opposition party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), began hurling stones at the authorities.**

# Christmas tree envy rampant at legislature

Size matters, at least when it comes to Ontario politicians and their Christmas trees.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak went on a search after a two-metre-tall balsam fir that was outside his office yesterday was replaced with one about half that size.

Turns out Speaker Steve Peters felt the tree for his office wasn't large enough, so he sent staff out to get a bigger one, which they found outside Hudak's office.

Peters apologized but said he wanted a tree that was big enough to reflect the size of his house — the speaker gets an apartment inside the Ontario legislature.

He said Hudak can pick a new tree, as long as it's not taller than any other tree belonging to a member of the Ontario legislature.

To add to the insult, even the smaller tree was removed from outside Tim Hudak's office while he was complaining to reporters about the first one "walking away."

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# Neo-Nazi not in contempt, court rules

## Saskatchewan man was charged with violating an order to stop posting racist views online

The Federal Court of Canada has reluctantly ruled that a white supremacist who posted hate propaganda on the Internet is not in contempt of the court, but only on a technicality.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission proved that Terry Tremaine, a former University of Saskatchewan math lecturer, deliberately flaunted a February 2007 order of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to stop communicating his racist views on the Internet.

The tribunal originally fined Tremaine $4,000 for his violations of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Federal Court Judge Sean Harrington, who dismissed a contempt charge launched by the commission in March 2009, said Tremaine knows he violated the tribunal's order.

**Terry Tremaine**

**The court's ruling says he is "a white supremacist."**

- **Judge Harrington wrote:** "Mr. Tremaine thinks (or perhaps just wishes) he is better than others because of the colour of his skin."
- **Tremaine's politics** He claims to be the leader of the unregistered National Socialist Party of Canada.

The tribunal registers its orders with the Federal Court, which then enforces them. But Tremaine argued that the tribunal failed to immediately notify him that the order had been registered.

He also said he wasn't ordered to delete existing messages from his own website or a U.S.-based white supremacist site.

Harrington also accepted Tremaine's defence that the order did not make it sufficiently clear that he had to remove, or at least do his best to remove, material from the Internet that the tribunal found hateful.

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**Italy.** Protest

▶ Students face police officers in riot gear in Rome.

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## Students fight reforms

**Students across Italy have occupied university buildings, bridges and piazzas to protest education cuts and reforms proposed by the government.**

## Officials urge home testing for radon gas

Preliminary results from a Health Canada survey suggest that seven per cent of Canadian homes contain elevated concentrations of radioactive radon gas.

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The Health Department suggests that homeowners check radon levels with test kits available at some stores or online. If levels are high, there are remedies, Health Canada said.

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# Burns' cousin makes appeal for items' return

**Stolen goods include 30 jerseys signed by NHL players, iPad, and suitcases of hockey coach's clothes**

Pat Burns had barely been laid to rest when thieves smashed into his car and stole some of his family's most cherished possessions.

The hockey coach's widow discovered items including signed hockey jerseys from every NHL team, family photos, and a designer men's watch were missing from the ransacked car.

Even bedsheets from a hospital's palliative-care unit were missing in the theft, committed just hours after Burns' funeral on Monday. He died Nov. 19 after a long battle with cancer.

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▶ Pat Burns

Burns' cousin Robin, who delivered a eulogy at the funeral, called the crime "deplorable."

Robin Burns said the late coach's wife had already had a tough day "then to have personal effects taken out of your car when you're at the post-funeral reception is absolutely deplorable."

He pleaded with the thieves, if they have "any type of conscience," to drop the items off with a TV or radio station or with anyone who knows Burns - and no questions will be asked.

Burns was an award-winning coach who served behind the bench for the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins and New Jersey Devils.

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# Debt to income ratio up, but defaults down

- Bad news: Overall borrowing continues to grow
- Good news: Fewer payments are being missed

Canadians continue to rack up more debt but the speed at which they are piling it on is beginning to slow, the TransUnion credit agency reported yesterday.

The average debt for about 24.8 million Canadians tracked by the report, which excludes mortgages, rose to $25,163 — up 4.3 per cent in the third quarter compared with a year ago.

The main source of non-mortgage debt for Canadians was vehicles, with credit card purchases a distant second.

However, despite the increase is the amount of debt, TransUnion said Canadians seem to be managing their debts better than they were, with delinquency rates and past-due balances dropping across the country.

The national credit card delinquency rate was down nearly 10 per cent in the third quarter of this year compared with a year ago when the Canadian economy was just beginning to recover from a major recession.

"There continue to be positive signs in the credit market as Canadians slowly manage out of the recession," said Thomas Higgins, TransUnion's vice-president of analytics.

"The most positive sign has been the significant decrease in past due balances." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Debt on the rise

- Canadian average credit card debt increased to $3,709 from the previous quarter's $3,614.
- Average auto loan debt increased to $16,183 from the previous quarter's $15,135.
- Quebec had the largest increase in debt at 6.6 per cent, while Manitoba had the lowest at 2.6 per cent compared with the national average of 4.3 per cent.

**Debit.** Prepaid

▶ From left: Kim Kardashian, Kourtney Kardashian and Khloe Kardashian arrive at the Teen Choice Awards in Universal City, Calif., in August.

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## Kardashian Kard costs too much

**The Kardashian sisters are seeking to cut ties with a venture that sold prepaid debit cards under their name after coming under attack for the card's high fees. The card promoted by the socialite sisters was taken off the market yesterday.**

## Google probed

The European Union's competition watchdog will investigate Google for antitrust practices — the first major probe into the online giant's business practics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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By **Steve Geist**
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# LEAKS ONLY A LITTLE DRIP OF NEW NEWS

**Just sayin'**

**PAUL SULLIVAN**

**Monday was supposed to be a day of Earth-shattering revelations after WikiLeaks released 250,000 diplomatic cables, most of them not-so-diplomatic observations of U.S. diplomats around the world.**

I'm not sure what I was waiting for, but so far, in the immortal words of Yogi Berra, it's déjà vu all over again.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is an "alpha dog" and his hand-picked President Dimitri Medvedev "plays Robin to Putin's Batman." As if we didn't know who was really in charge all along, and as if Putin really cares who knows.

There's Robert Mugabe, the nasty old president of Zimbabwe. Turns out he thinks his 18 doctorates give him licence to suspend the laws of economics, in particular supply and demand. We've been watching Zimbabwe unravel for years under Mugabe's diktats. What I really want to know is how many of his doctorates came off the back of a book of matches.

**"If you're looking for exciting, you have to go to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi ..."**

Then there's German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is "risk-averse and rarely creative," which is diplomatic language for "boring." Oh, really? Old news.

If you're looking for exciting, you have to go to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a renowned scalliwag. Diplomats report that he likes to host "bunga bunga" parties, whatever they are. Anything called "bunga bunga" is not boring. But we already know Berlusconi is anything but boring. Corrupt and creepy maybe, but never boring.

Speaking of corrupt and creepy, we have Ahmed Wali Karzai, brother of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, in that order. Karzai, Afghanistan's foremost fixer, is painted as "widely understood to be corrupt and a narcotics trafficker," but the go-to guy when you want to get something done in Absurdistan. As for Gadhafi, he never goes anywhere without his "voluptuous" Ukrainian nurse. Any of this surprise you yet?

My favourite? French President Nicolas Sarkozy is "an emperor with no clothes." Aren't they all?

In leak after leak, suspicions are confirmed, worst fears realized, faith in human nature disappointed. But what's missing, with one notable exception, is any reason for optimism. That one exception? China has come to realize that its long-term ally, Kim Jong Il of North Korea, acts like a spoiled child. We already knew that anyone who spends more than half a million bucks a year on cognac while the average North Korean makes $1,000 a year is spoiled, to say the least. Now China finally gets it.

Hey, you take what you can get.

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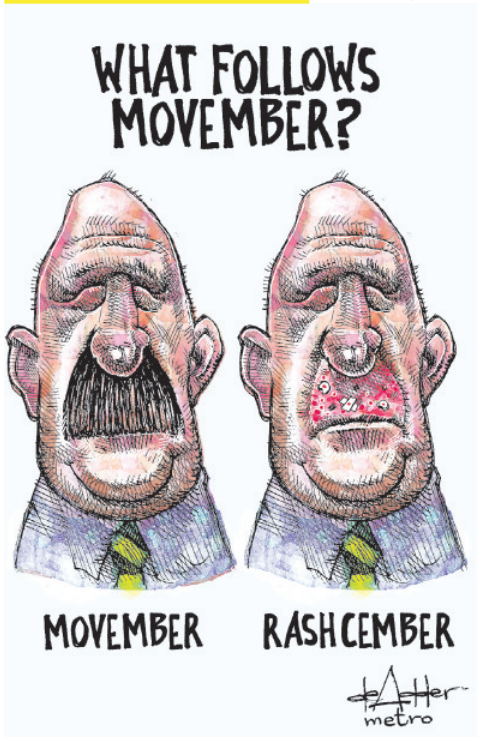


# Pour your pooch a pint

**Worth mentioning**

**Mmmmm, beer**

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They say dogs are man's best friend. Now that friend can share a cold one with you. At least four companies worldwide sell specially designed non-alcoholic, beef-flavoured and non-carbonated beer for your canine companion.

Kwispelbier is a beer for dogs created by Arjan Berendsen, a pet shop owner in the Dutch town of Zelhem. The company even sells matching beer glasses, allowing dogs to drink their brew in style. The beer is sold in Belgium, Norway, England and Germany.

Down Under, Australian pet boutique Paws Point even created a cheeky YouTube video advertising its Dog Beer.

"Dogs love human beer but it is really unhealthy for them so after a lot of research we developed (Dog Beer), which is safe for them to drink," it says on its website.

Stateside, Napa Valley-based Dog Star Brewing Company sells Happy Tail Ale brewed in copper kettles and made with malted barley and beef drippings. Its beer is fortified with glucosamine and vitamin E to promote healthy joints and a shiny coat. The company no longer brews the beer, leaving WeFulfillIt.com, an online distribution company, to sell Dog Star's remaining inventory.

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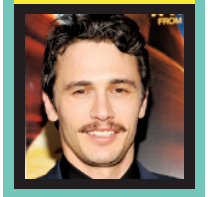

James Franco's survival story 127 Hours, Natalie Portman's ballet drama Black Swan and Ben Stiller's dark romance Greenberg are among best-picture nominees for the Spirit Awards honouring independent film. Also competing for the top honour at the Spirit Awards are Annette Bening's lesbian family drama The Kids Are All Right and the rural crime thriller Winter's Bone.

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Kid Rock bashes ticket brokers who buy low, sell high; says scalpers are driving up prices

**The youngest of the Pevensie clan enters her teen years in the third installment in The Chronicles of Narnia franchise Actress Georgie Henley relished the challenge to show different sides to Lucy, a role the 15-year-old has been playing since she was seven**

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▶ Georgie Henley, left, and Ben Barnes star in The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

# Growing up in Lewis' Narnia

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The third big-screen adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic The Chronicles of Narnia will hit theatres soon and no one could be more excited than the franchise's star, Georgie Henley.

"I love the Voyage of the Dawn Treader," said the 15-year-old actress (who plays Lucy Pevensie) of her favourite book in the Narnia series. "I love the idea of hopping from one island to another and kind of experiencing new things. I think it's exciting, very dynamic — it makes a really good film."

Lucy Pevensie has come a long way since she discovered the fantastical world of Narnia in 2005's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Cast at age seven, Henley now plays a more complex teenager that returns to Narnia on a desperate mission aboard King Caspian's regal schooner, the Dawn Treader.

"(Voyage) shows that Lucy is absolutely human, which is probably good," said Henley. "When you become a teenager, people see a different side to your nature and see maybe a slightly darker side to you, a side you don't want people looking at — I think we see that in Lucy slightly. It was my job to make sure plenty of teenaged girls could relate to the issues that she's going through."

Admittedly nervous about returning to the world of Narnia for a third time, Henley was soon relieved and comforted to be around the familiarity of the cast and crew — not to mention the incredibly imaginative creatures that make up C.S. Lewis' masterwork.

"The animation on Reepicheep (a swashbuckling mouse voiced by Simon Pegg) in this film is just terrific," said Henley when asked of her favourite character. "He's so cute and funny but still got that bravery kind of element about him — people have got a lot to look forward to."

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# Douglas eager to get back to work after cancer battle

**Actor will find out in January if cancer has been eliminated ◗ Set to take on the role of Liberace ◗ Reflects on his relationship with his father**

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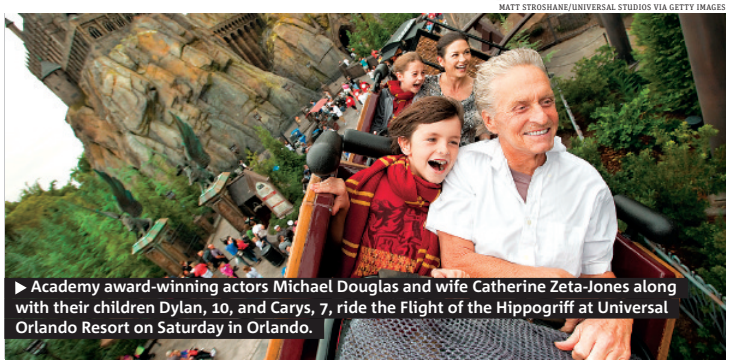

▶ Academy award-winning actors Michael Douglas and wife Catherine Zeta-Jones along with their children Dylan, 10, and Carys, 7, ride the Flight of the Hippogriff at Universal Orlando Resort on Saturday in Orlando.

Michael Douglas is already looking forward to his next film role.

The 66-year-old actor, who has been battling throat cancer since August, tells the weekly Hollywood Reporter that he'll play the title part in Steven Soderbergh's Liberace, which is set to begin shooting in May or June.

Douglas says he will learn in January if his cancer has been eliminated. Doctors have told him there is an 80 per cent cure rate.

He says his cancer diagnosis has brought him closer to his 93-year-old father, Kirk Douglas. The two had a strained relationship for many years, but "he really made an effort" after the diagnosis, Douglas says. "He was back here almost 10 days. He came over everyday. He was great."

Douglas says that when he was growing up, his father was angry and often absent.

"In those key years, when Kirk was doing five movies a year, if we saw him it was only out of his guilt," Douglas says.

He also acknowledges that he may have repeated that pattern with his own son, Cameron Douglas, 31, who was recently jailed on drug-related charges.

"I'm sure it's not easy, either, being a third generation," Douglas says. "Kirk was all-consumed, was overworked. Probably like myself at a certain time in my life."

He is optimistic about his recovery, and while the disease "certainly has put a little perspective on mortality," it has also "shown me what family is," Douglas says. "It showed me a love that I never knew really existed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIRATES' PORTRAYAL

## Disney not a fan of Sparrow

Johnny Depp's flamboyant portrayal of Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean was good enough for an Oscar nomination, but the actor says Disney was less than thrilled.

Depp talked about it in an interview with rocker Patti Smith for the January edition of Vanity Fair magazine. Depp said Disney "couldn't stand" his Sparrow and one person there even asked if Sparrow was gay. Depp told the Disney executive, "all my characters are gay," and he said that "really made her nervous."

Depp's next role is in the movie The Tourist with Angelina Jolie. It opens Dec. 10.

Depp said he felt sorry for the way the paparazzi hunted Jolie, and had to be careful that photographers didn't catch them too close together so rumours wouldn't start. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Madonna gets physical with high-class gym

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▶ Madonnna

As the glass doors of Hard Candy Fitness – Madonna's first gym – slid open in Mexico City on Monday, a mural of white, black and violet Warhol-esque images of the Queen of Pop greeted each client.

But it was no disco with exercise machines or Hard Rock Cafe-style temple of Madge memorabilia.

In fact the facilities are not much different from any other high-class gym in Mexico City, and very little screams that this is Madonna's first fitness venture, apart from the name, which she says in fitness parlance is the perfect combination of "hard body" and "eye candy."

"It's a sexy name that gives you the opportunity to have fun and to build strength as far as the imagination will allow," the singer, dancer, actress, children's author and clothing designer said in a Q&A provided by her handlers.

Still, not every gym opens with a Hollywood red carpet appearance by one of the most powerful women in entertainment, who cut the ribbon Monday night, then taught a dance class for 20 handpicked members with music by Paul Oakenfold, the DJ who opened her last tour.

The star says she chose Mexico City because it was a stop on last year's Sticky & Sweet tour, which grossed $408 million, second only to the Rolling Stones' A Bigger Bang Tour. She said she liked the energy of the people.

"Our plan is to use Mexico as a place to fine-tune our brand and then expand it to other countries and, in the long term, develop a global brand that includes the United States," she said in a statement last week, noting that Mexico is close enough to home for her to be heavily involved.

Madonna said at the opening Monday night that she also chose the country because she loves its culture, food, art and architecture and that she didn't worry about Mexico's wave of drug-related violence when deciding where to open the gym. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Not the amazing race

**Comedy adventure series Next Stop for Charlie attempts to show what travel is like when the visitor immerses in the life of a country: Neil Mandt**

Filmmaker, TV producer and world traveller Neil Mandt has seen the flip side of U.S. air travel security and safety procedures.

He's been through overseas airports lacking even metal detectors.

He was on a plane bound for Paupua New Guinea that boasted a full-size raft, bolted in place of rows 18 to 26, to be used in case of an emergency landing at sea.

"The plane would have had to break up to get the raft out. That's how big it was," Mandt recalled.

His recent globe-hopping was in service of the Showtime comedy-adventure series Next Stop for Charlie, airing 11 p.m. ET tomorrow and created and produced with Neil's brother, Michael Mandt.

A follow-up of sorts to Last Stop for Paul, the Mandts' well-received independent film, the Showtime series follows Charlie (Neil Mandt) as he searches for his wayward young cousin, college dropout Eric (Erik Adolphson), to haul him back home.

Eric is following his version of an international festival circuit, hopscotching to cities where local celebrations are taking place.

Charlie is in hot pursuit of Eric, and a good time.

With that bare-bones plot in place, each episode includes a real festival as backdrop and is improvised with locals, whether taxi drivers, bystanders or even police.

Mandt, who acts as the star, sometimes crew member and director, had a run-in with Thai authorities as he was filmed inside a tiger cage.

He ended up at the police station but managed to convince officials that his project wouldn't demean the noble animal.

Every adventure, expected or not, is a candidate for the final cut.

Mandt's Charlie, a bathroom supplies salesman, and his lost, found and lost again cousin scramble through 10 countries in the series, including Colombia, Belgium, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Morocco and Turkey.

The on-the-fly production style — and a budget of between US$7,000 to $15,000 per episode — called for scenes to be shot and then restaged and shot again from different points of view with one or two mini HD cameras and wireless mics.

Besides Mandt and co-star Adolphson, there was a crew member on the madcap ride.

At times, a passerby's help was enlisted, Mandt said.

The series, like the movie the Mandt brothers made before it, attempts to show what travel can be like when a visitor is immersed in the life of a country as more than a sightseer, said Neil Mandt, whose credits include Syfy's Destination Truth and ESPN's Jim Rome Is Burning.

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# Grammy glory for Canucks?

**Drake, Arcade Fire, Michael Bublé and Justin Bieber could be in line for Grammy nominations**

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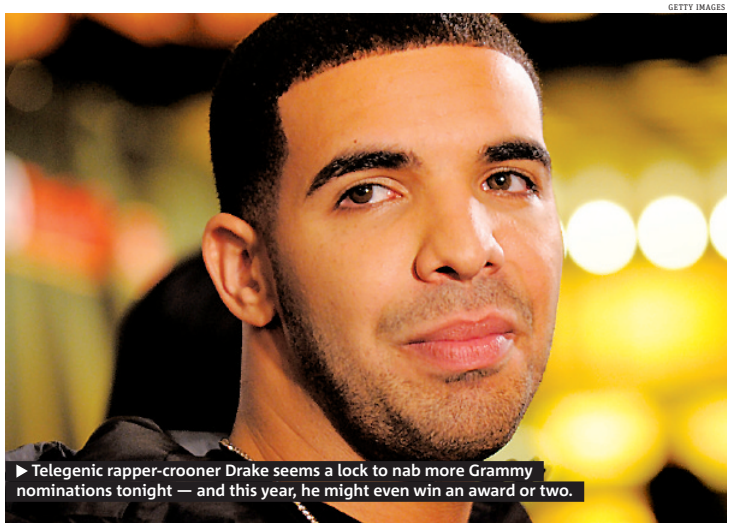

▶ Telegenic rapper-crooner Drake seems a lock to nab more Grammy nominations tonight — and this year, he might even win an award or two.

Grammy Award nominations are set to be announced this evening during a splashy one-hour telecast on CBS, and plenty of Canadian artists could find themselves on the list.

Canadian Press music writer Nick Patch offers his thoughts on which Canucks might be in the running for Grammy glory this year.

**Piece of cake for Drake?**
Last year, Drake nabbed two Grammy nominations and stormed the stage for a rousing performance of Forever alongside Eminem and Lil Wayne (but not Kanye West, who was still in unofficial exile for his Taylor Swift faux pas). And that was before the Toronto native even issued his debut album, Thank Me Later, which opened at No. 1 in the U.S. and Canada en route to platinum sales in both countries.

**INTO THE FIRE**
Both of the Arcade Fire's first two LPs were nominated for best alternative music album at the Grammys. And this summer's The Suburbs provided the ambitious Montreal rockers' most splashy release yet, opening at No. 1 on the charts in Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. Still, while the band remains a well-respected critical darling, The Suburbs lacks the out-of-nowhere momentum that carried the band's debut, Funeral, to widespread industry plaudits. No longer the plucky underdog, Arcade Fire still seems a safe bet to land a nomination in the alternative music category. An album of the year nod is more of a long shot, though it's hardly out of the question.

**DO YOU BELIEB?**
Justin Bieber had an amazing year by any standard, but while throngs of adoring teens flipped their lids for the mop-topped idol, Bieber might have a trickier task winning over the greying Grammy voters — after all, his teen-pop peers the Jonas Brothers had recorded three studio albums before they received their first Grammy nod. On the other hand, the Grammys have consistently grappled with trying to snare a younger audience, and there's perhaps no more bankable attraction for tweens than the Stratford, Ont., native, which is probably why he's performing at the nomination show. His two platinum-selling releases — My World and its full-length follow-up, My World 2.0 — were both released in the eligibility period for the upcoming Grammys, so Bieber appears a safe choice for a best new artist nod, at least. And let's face it: inviting a 16-year-old to the nominations soiree and sending him home without a party favour would just be bad manners.

**CRAZY LOVE FOR CRAZY LOVE?**
Given that Michael Bublé, the 35-year-old Burnaby, B.C., native, has been nominated for five Grammys in the past, it would seem downright crazy to bet against him earning another nomination this time around.
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▶ Neil Mandt got close to a Thai tiger during the taping of the travel comedy, Next Stop for Charlie.

## TV picks

### Biebs to sing

Canadian teen sensation Justin Bieber joins Bruno Mars and Katy Perry on the list of performers slated for The Grammy Nominations Concert Live!: Countdown to Music's Biggest Night. LL Cool J hosts. (Global, CBS).
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### Hot rabbi on the loose

Tonight on Children's Hospital, a hip, sexy rabbi (guest star and executive producer David Wain) arrives and seduces Valerie, which angers Glenn. Sy faces a moral dilemma involving a coffee machine, and Lola is confused by a mysterious organ in a cooler. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Law & Order draws on Tiger Woods

The plot on tonight's show includes a philandering golf star and his club-wielding wife. When police arrive, the bleeding athlete says his spouse was merely attempting to rescue him — in this case, from their swimming pool rather than a wrecked car. The franchise is known for its ripped-from-the-headlines approach.
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# Billy Joe Armstrong gets bitten by the Broadway bug

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▶ Billy Joe Armstrong

Billie Joe Armstrong apparently liked his Broadway debut in American Idiot — he's signed on to return for 50 performances.

Producers said yesterday the Green Day frontman will reprise the role of St. Jimmy in the punk rock musical that his songs inspired beginning Jan. 1 and ending Feb. 27 at the St. James Theatre.

Armstrong will appear in the show in three large chunks — Jan. 1 to 9, Jan. 18 to 30 and Feb. 10 to 27. Original Broadway cast member Tony Vincent will end his run as St. Jimmy on Dec. 30.

Having the musical's composer and co-author aboard has already proved a big draw. When Armstrong made his Broadway debut in September for a week, the box-office take was more than $1 million. Last week, the show grossed $600,000.

The show is based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning American Idiot concept album. It features every track from the album, plus several tunes from Green Day's CD 21st Century Breakdown.

The musical — directed by Michael Mayer and with Tom Kitt's musical arrangement — was nominated for three Tony Awards, including best musical, and won for best sets and lighting.

The high-octane show follows the story of three working-class characters from the suburbs to the city to the Middle East, as they seek redemption in a world filled with frustration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Craig Ferguson, fourth from right, stands next to Jacques Essebag, the host of Ce Soir Avec Arthur, on the set of the Late Late Show in Los Angeles.

# Imitation is the sincerest form of comedic flattery

**French TV host copies parts of Craig Ferguson's Late Late Show Ferguson rants but then has him as guest**

Craig Ferguson uncorked an on-air rant last week after finding out that portions of his Late Late Show were being copied by a French TV host.

But then on Monday, Ferguson buried the hatchet and introduced America to the boyish cutup known in France simply as Arthur, as he made a surprise guest appearance.

At the top of the CBS show, Arthur was seen solo, wearing a wide grin and greeting the audience.

"What are you doing?" squawked Ferguson, stepping into the picture.

"I'm doing the show," replied Arthur.

"You're doing *my* show," said Ferguson. "You're copying *me*!"

As proof, he presented the title sequence of Tonight With Arthur, which was almost identical in side-by-side comparison to that of The Late Late Show.

"That was not a copy," Arthur argued with his French accent. "It was an homage."

"If you're going to steal from a show," Ferguson appealed to Arthur in his self-mocking monologue that night, "what about a good show like Lost or The Wire? Don't steal from this show! That's like taking pants from a hobo!"

Tonight With Arthur premiered in November on France's Comedy! cable channel, but the host, whose real name is Jacques Essebag, is a 44-year-old veteran of numerous French radio and TV talk shows. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Christina Aguilera

# Aguilera spends holiday with Rutler

- Despite 'not dating,' singer visits with his family over Thanksgiving
- Pair met while filming Burlesque and are 'getting to know each other'

Though Christina Aguilera's people insist she's not with Matt Rutler, the singer did see Rutler's family in Rhode Island over the Thanksgiving holiday, according to People magazine.

"This is the first Thanksgiving she was without Max," a source says of Aguilera's 2-year-old son, who was back in L.A. with her soon-to-be ex-husband, Jordan Bratman. "It was really hard for her and she was feeling sad, so she decided to go to the East Coast with Matt and a group of friends. Since his family lives so close, they decided to drop in for a few hours."

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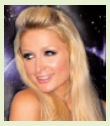
## Celebrity tweets



**Paris Hilton [@Paris Hilton]**
Went to some magic and practical joke stores today. Bought so many funny pranks. I'm a total kid at heart :)

**Kylie Minogue [@kylie minogue]**
Relax peeps, EVERYONE has to mime at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!!

**John Cho [@John TheCho]**
Apparently David Sedaris now writes only about animals. What did we do?

**Mindy Kaling [@mindy kaling]**
When celebs get pestered by paparazzi why don't they just start singing "Hey Jude" or some incredibly expensive song to clear?

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▶ Demi Lovato

# Lovato speaks to her fans

After almost a month in a treatment facility to deal with unspecified psychological and emotional issues, Disney star Demi Lovato recently broke her silence with a video message to her fans for Thanksgiving.

"Just wanted to say Happy Thanksgiving. I'm very, very thankful for all of you and I appreciate all the support you guys give me," she says in the incredibly brief video

The video was likely filmed at the rehab facility where Lovato is currently undergoing treatment.

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# Diaz should drop A-Rod, expert says

While Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez have reportedly rekindled their romance, sources claim the relationship can't last, given the Yankee slugger's history.

"A-Rod is just like Tiger (Woods), Tony Parker and all those athletes who have women in abundance and they can't resist sampling all the goods," relationship expert Cooper Lawrence tells Us Weekly. "When you date A-Rod, you have to know what you are getting into or else you're an idiot. He isn't long-term material, he is arm candy for holiday parties."

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▶ Cameron Diaz

# Pink has a name for her boy

Pink has already spilled the beans that she and Carey Hart are expecting a boy, and now she's announced that they're naming the boy Jameson. "My dad's name is James, and my brother's name is Jason," Pink says during a radio interview with Billy Bush.

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# Single motherhood not for Rihanna

Rihanna could never be a single mother because it would be "selfish" the singer says in a chat with Kanye West for Interview magazine.

"I definitely think a child deserves both parents," she says. "It would be selfish of me, because of my pride and independence to say, 'Oh, I just want a sperm donor, because I can do it myself.' I can do it myself, but that's not fair."

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▶ Rihanna

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## A bright idea

A Jewish outreach organization is hosting a variety of public menorah lightings for Hanukkah in more than 70 countries around the world, including Canada.

Events, including a balloon-menorah display in Maple, Ont., are being sponsored by the Chabad-Lubavitch organization.

For details on these and other events, visit chabad.org/HanukkahEvents.

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Giant grouse takes flight at Scottish roundabout as symbol of Perthshire

**It won't be cheap to attend the royal wedding — airfares for the period are already rising — but those who plan to go say it will be a once-in-a lifetime event**

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▶ In 1973, Princess Anne married Captain Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey, where Prince William will marry Kate Middleton next April.

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▶ Kate Middleton and Prince William

# Better make those royal wedding plans soon

Pack the top hat and tails, wedding bells are set to ring next spring for Prince William and Kate Middleton, and monarchists are hoping it won't cost a princely sum to get to the nuptials.

Daniel Whaley with the Monarchist League of Canada says he'd like to be in London for the wedding April 29.

"In '81, it was Charles and Diana and everyone can remember usually where they were when they watched that on TV. You kind of want to be a part of that," Whaley, 19, said in a phone interview from Winnipeg.

"I think it'd be a really special event that I'd probably remember for the rest of my life."

**"I want to be there because this is sort of our generation's big royal wedding ... I just think it'd be a really fun time and it would just be a big party."**
DANIEL WHALEY, THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE

Now that the date has been set, tour operators are trying to figure out ways to get people like Whaley and other Canadians to jump the pond to London.

Claude-Jean Harel, founder and manager of Great Excursions in Regina, said many Canadians have an affinity for the monarchy and want to celebrate that aspect of history. He's trying to put together a tour package just right for the occasion.

"We're just exploring to see if there's enough interest in people who live here to go to London and try to take part in ... some of the pomp, the ceremony, some of the opportunities and the flavour and the atmosphere that will be around London during that time on April 29," said Harel.

"Royal weddings are a rare occasion. They're something that people pay attention to so there will be an interest."

Access to Westminster Abbey — the wedding venue — will be restricted. But Harel says a tour could include visits to English churches that were "dear to the monarchy."

VisitBritain, the national tourism agency, has also put together a "romance trail" so visitors don't have to wait until April to follow in William and Kate's footsteps. The itinerary suggests visits to Scotland, where William and Kate met while studying at St. Andrews University in Fife, or to Anglesey, North Wales, where the couple will live after the wedding.

Whaley said he knows making the trip could be expensive for many Canadians. Air fares to London in the days leading up to the event have already jumped, he said.

"I'm going to keep my eye on the airfare and if the right price comes up, I more than likely will try to be there."

And if he does go, Whaley knows what he'll pack.

"I'd probably be wearing a Canadian T-shirt to represent Canada."
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# Canada's not-so-well kept secret

**St. John's N.L. is drawing record numbers of convention goers and tourists Among the city's highlights are seaside resorts, top-notch restaurants and views that even beat out the beauty of Hawaii**

The chance to blend business with a bit of adventure is drawing record numbers of convention goers to St. John's, N.L., where even the most buttoned-down crowd can have some fun.

It doesn't hurt that this colourful seaside city welcomes conference delegates with warmth and cosmopolitan flair.

It boasts an array of top-notch restaurants, a rocking nightlife and has some of the friendliest cabbies on the planet.

So it's perhaps little wonder that the capital of The Rock, population 100,000, is bucking national tourism trends.

Its visitor statistics are on the upswing and the number of corporations choosing to host major gatherings has jumped in the last five years.

The Canadian Bar Association has held its national legal conference in St. John's twice since 1998 and will be back in 2014.

"The most well attended conferences of the CBA in the last 12 years have been in St. John's," said chief executive officer John Hoyles.

"There was just a very special atmosphere ... I guess the one word I would use is warmth."

Hoyles, who has never lived there, said many people long to visit this unique corner of Canada.

"People have always thought they'd love to go to St. John's but they need a reason to go. And having a convention does that."

An Ipsos-Reid survey of association members asked them to rank their top five conference location preferences, he added. St. John's ranked second only to Vancouver. It was followed by Montreal, Halifax and Calgary.

Krista Cameron, director of sales and marketing for Destination St. John's, says St. John's isn't a well-kept secret anymore.

"The demand is higher for sure than ever before. I've been selling in this destination since 2004 and I've seen a great increase in demand."

That's documented by the number of hotel rooms booked per night. That number hit 570,190 for all of 2009 — an increase of just more than two per cent from the year before and up from 504,099 in 2006.

Cameron credits three things: the success of the province's award-winning tourism advertising campaign, a strong presence at travel trade shows and sales visits around the country, plus a meeting in 2005 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

"There were lots of major associations across the country that did not believe even for a minute that St. John's had the capacity to host 2,400 delegates," she said.

After that, the word was out.

"It just kept spinning. We get record attendance."

And those numbers will likely continue to grow.

National Geographic's most recent Traveler edition just named the Avalon Peninsula — the scenic southeastern portion of Newfoundland — its top-rated coastal destination.

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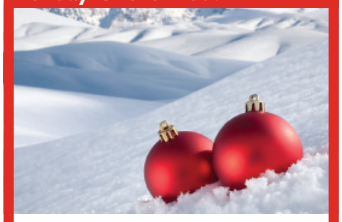

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# Slopes are for more than skiing

**New England ski resorts are offering more options, from zip lines to mountain coasters.**

Never mind the double black diamond slopes. How about whizzing through the trees on a zip line or careening down the hill on a roller-coaster?

Appealing to the adventurous crowd, a number of New England ski resorts have added year-round zip lines and Mountain Coasters.

"It's a matter of being harnessed by one of our guides and letting gravity do the rest," said Sunday River spokeswoman Darcy Morse, of the Newry, Maine-resort's zip line tour, in which users are suspended from a cable on a pulley.

Vermont's Smugglers' Notch is building a "canopy tour" — about 1,220 metres of zip lines where riders will cross sky bridges and rappel from trees — to open by the end of December, with a mini course ready by the end of this month.

New Hampshire's Bretton Woods and Loon Mountain, along with Maine's Sugarloaf, all plan to have their zip lines — popular in the summer — open this winter.

"It's a unique way to experience the White Mountains and seeing it from a different angle, rather than from the skis," said Craig Clemmer, director of sales and marketing for Omni Mount Washington Resort, which includes Bretton Woods.

The zip lines range in length and cost, from around $25 for a short trip at one resort to $110 for a guided tour lasting more than three hours.

If you prefer to be closer to the ground, several resorts are offering another thrilling way down the mountain — on a roller-coaster. At Okemo in Ludlow, Vt., riders in sled-like cars carrying two passengers will zip down and around steel tubular rails, controlling their speed.

The "Timber Ripper," which is expected to open in mid-December, first climbs 488 metres and then drops 114 metres on a track with added features like waves, camel backs and banking loops.

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# 8 days of candle-lighting, prayers and latkes comes early

**This year, the Jewish celebation of Hanukkah is earlier in the year than usual and it's throwing some off**

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▶ Golden, crispy potato latkes are a staple of Hanukkah cuisine.

Rabbi Mark Sobel, the spiritual leader of a Reform-rooted synagogue in Burbank, Calif., enjoys "winter" carols come Hanukkah and Christmastime, but this year is a little different.

The Jewish faith's eight days of candle-lighting, prayers, latkes and dreidel fun begins today, before carollers get in the swing and so soon after U.S. Thanksgiving that some American Jews might still have leftovers in the fridge. Hanukkah's on the early side — on the Gregorian calendar anyway — along with other major Jewish observances this year. Some Jews are looking forward to a little distance between Hanukkah and the Christmas madness.

It helps, they said, in staving off the perception that the Festival of Lights is a Christmas wannabe.

For Sobel, it won't change the way he celebrates, save a tinge of remorse that non-Jewish neighbours and friends won't yet be in the holiday spirit.

"The feeling of total holiday season is not there," said Sobel, from the independent Temple Beth Emet.

Jewish festivals and commemorations begin on different Gregorian dates each year because they're set by a lunar-based Hebrew calendar adjusted to ensure certain ones fall during certain seasons.

Wyckoff, N.J., mom Caryn Kasmanoff, who has two teenagers and a nine-year-old, notes that Hanukkah is a very minor holiday, religiously speaking, in relation to Passover and other biblically mandated observances. It's nowhere near as important as Christmas is to Christians, but the comparisons can be harder on Jewish kids when the two holidays stand alone on the calendar, she said.

"As Christmas gets closer and children in school get more excited, their 'party' is over," Kasmanoff said. "So yes, as a parent, it's easier for the religions to share the festive feeling."

That can also be true for more secular Jews and interfaith families who will be packing away their menorahs after Hanukkah only to start prepping for Christmas.

"The world doesn't stop for Hanukkah," said Jennifer Prost, who has kids ages 16 and 12 in Montclair, N.J. "My kids still have tests to study for and papers to write.

"When Hanukkah is closer to Christmas, the kids are off from school, work schedules slow, evening meetings are off the table."

Meanwhile, for college kids, on-camus Hanukkah might mean missing mom's potato latkes in favour of an on-campus celebration.

Even some sellers of Jewish-related gifts said "early" Hanukkah can mean slow going.

"When it's close to Christmas, it's celebrated much more actively," said Gary Rosenthal, who creates menorahs, charity boxes and other Judaica out of metals and fused glass.

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## Hanukkah veggie corn fritters

**Preparation:**

1. In a 500-ml (2-cup) measuring cup, place zucchini. Break broccoli and cauliflower into tiny florets.
2. Add enough tiny broccoli and cauliflower florets to the zucchini to make 500 ml (2 cups).
3. Transfer to a microwave-safe bowl. Add enough water to cover, then microwave on high until vegetables are soft, about four minutes. Drain and set aside.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, milk, 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil and salt. With a silicone spatula, stir in cornbread mix until a smooth batter forms.
5. Sprinkle flour over drained cooked vegetables. Mix floured vegetables into batter, using spatula to distribute them evenly.
6. In a large skillet over medium, heat 1 cm (1/2 inch) canola oil until a tiny amount of batter dropped into the pan sizzles. If it sizzles too vigorously, reduce heat.
7. Add batter to oil 50 ml (1/4 cup) at a time. Use a metal spatula to gently flatten each fritter. Work in batches of three or four fritters at a time. Do not crowd the pan.
8. Fry, turning once, until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. When flipping fritters, flip away from your body to prevent splattering yourself with hot oil.
9. Drain on paper towels. Serve with warm marinara sauce. This veggie corn fritter recipe makes 10 fritters and takes about 40 minutes to complete from start to finish.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 small zucchini, with skin, cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) chunks
- 250 ml (1 cup) broccoli florets
- 250 ml (1 cup) cauliflower florets
- 1 large egg
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk or plain unsweetened soy milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fine sea salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) dry cornbread mix
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- Canola oil, for frying
- Jarred marinara sauce, warmed, for dipping

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# Brain drain to bull's-eye

- We have all experienced moments where pitching an idea to a co-worker was like watching balloons pop
- Experts say it's not your proposal, but your method of delivery that will make the difference

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Pitched poorly, even a bright idea can vanish into dull stares, like light gravitating into a black hole.

If you feel all of your suggestions plummet into silent oblivion like timber crashing in an empty forest, then career counselors recommend you ought to brush up on your storytelling.

Because, they say, the art to hustling a routine recommendation — to make your two cents ring like five — is to pack a plot into your propositions.

"It's like selling detergent," executive coach Jane Cranston says. "Don't tell them, 'oh, this will clean your laundry.'

You tell them it will make their old clothes shine brighter, feel softer, bring the colors out."

Pushing a proposal with the pizzazz of a wandering bard requires a gift of gab you may never learn in an MBA program, she says.

But it's a technique any rube can master.

Start by fathoming what motivates your audience.

Ask yourself, "What's in it for them?" Cranston offers.

"Present your ideas in a way that will either save the company money, make it money, buy it time, save it time, or earn it prestige," she advises.

"If it doesn't do any of those things, they're probably not going to listen."

Don't be shy to spread credit if it boosts your chances, suggests career coach Lynn Berger.

If your company prefers propositions that emanate from more highly-titled or highly-favored pundits than yourself, you can always hitch your idea to the chassis of another's.

"Try piggy-backing on someone else's idea," she says.

"When someone raises a point, say, 'ooh, that's interesting,' and work your idea into theirs."

Failing that, come into the brainstorm session with a bucket of good ideas.

"Rather than being rigid on one idea, bring up a couple of options," Berger recommends. "That way, you're not feeling like you have to have the perfect answer."

However you sell your suggestion, "start with the positive," Cranston stresses.

Qualifiers like "I'm not sure if you're going to like this, but" will never help you, she explains.

Keep Positive.

"The wrong way to present an idea is any form of aggression," Cranston warns.

If all your tips hit a cool reception, you'd best stage an equally cool reaction.

"Occasionally, you have to let it slide," Berger notes. "You can't get worked up every time your ideas aren't heard."

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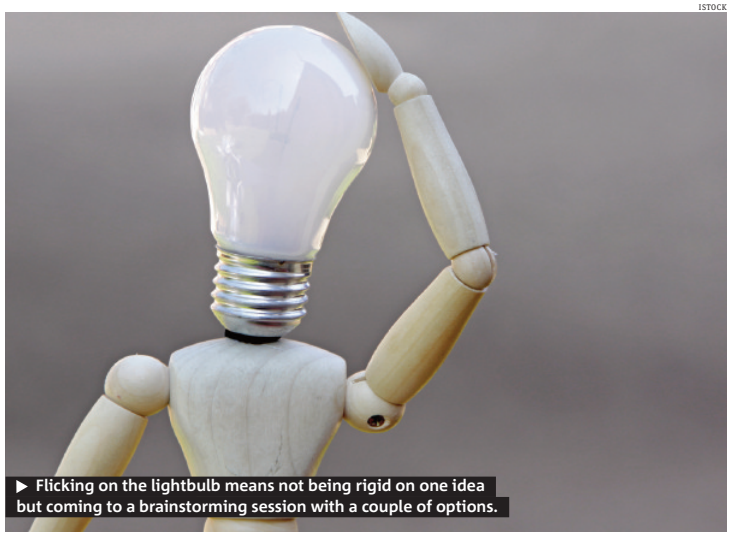

▶ Flicking on the lightbulb means not being rigid on one idea but coming to a brainstorming session with a couple of options.

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When Parmjit Gill left the Concord, Ont., offices of A&D Precision Ltd., after a confrontational meeting with his boss, he did not think it was because he had just resigned, but rather, he assumed he had been fired. However, the court decided otherwise.

Gill often complained about his job as a machinist, disagreeing with criticism about his work and griping about his pay.

Weeks before his departure, Gill even mentioned to a manager that he might not be around much longer, although he was not always taken seriously because of his past complaints. When a problem with Gill's work on a critical project arose, he was quickly confronted by the president, Tony Derbedrosian, and questioned about how he was doing his job. When Gill suggested to Derbedrosian that he did not like his work, the latter responded by stating, "No, I do not like it when there are mistakes."

Believing he had just been fired, Gill left his machine and went home, never to return. At a recent trial, Gill attempted to prove that he had indeed been fired, in which case he would be entitled to severance.

However, in deciding the case in A&D's favour, the judge noted that a supervisor who overheard Gill's confrontation encouraged him to reconsider leaving but Gill refused.

Later, when Gill called the company to arrange to pick up his tools, he did not express any interest in returning to the job because, according to the judge, "he had no interest in returning."

Canadian courts consistently reject assertions that employees have resigned unless it is clear that this was their true intention.

Here, having left the workplace after an argument, Gill had an obligation to return to work or to contact the company to indicate his desire to return.

Otherwise, it was clear he had no intention of returning. To avoid a similar outcome, here are some simple guidelines: Immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if it wasn't the intended result. If the situation is unclear, request that your options be outlined in writing and seek specialized advice before taking any action.

Resist leaving the workplace, as difficult as that may be, unless there is no other reasonable option.

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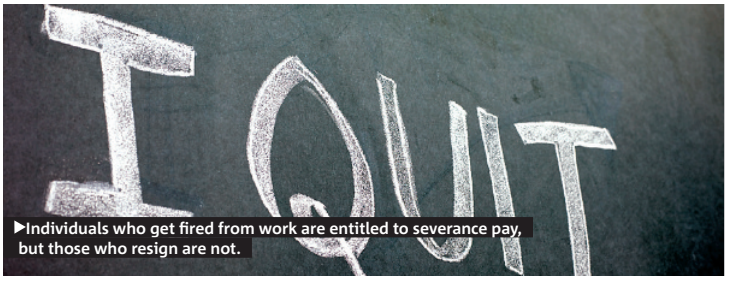


▶Individuals who get fired from work are entitled to severance pay, but those who resign are not.

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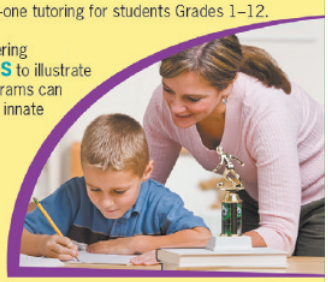

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As you wave goodbye to roommates and their stuffed duffel bags, you can't help but feel a twinge of sadness as you realize you'll be all alone over the holidays, unable to get the time off work, or afford the flight home.

But don't fret. We have some tips to help make this a great holiday for one.

**Start a new project.** If you ever wanted to learn to bake, knit, dance, draw, scrapbook, wrap a present properly, or fix a computer, borrow books from the library or use the Internet.

There are numerous how-to videos available online. Impress your friends and family by developing a new skill or showing off a finished product in the new year.

**Throw a party.** Visit the campus pub and befriend students who also weren't able to make it back home. Host a cultural potluck, having everyone bring a dish that represents their culture. Misery loves company, and you may find comfort in having others to talk to. You can decorate your dorm with streamers and a mini holiday tree.

**Share with others.** Act on the needs of your community and your world. Volunteer at your local soup kitchen or food bank to help those in your neighbourhood who don't have anywhere else to go. Also remember to think internationally and help children in need around the world through an organization like Christian Children's Fund of Canada. You can purchase valuable, but inexpensive gifts like a mosquito net to protect against malaria, or a fruit tree to provide nourishment for an entire family. NEWS CANADA

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▶ Not going home for the holidays? Instead of dwelling, make a list of everything you are thankful for.

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# Changing of the guard in the NHL?

## Six clubs that missed playoffs are on track to erase the disappointment

Several teams that were on the outside looking in during last season's NHL playoffs have made early strides to avoid the same disappointment this spring.

If the playoffs had started yesterday, Tampa Bay, Atlanta and the New York Rangers would be among the Eastern Conference participants while Dallas, Columbus and St. Louis would have qualified in the West.

The margin for error is as narrow as it's ever been. Three-point games have bunched teams together in the standings, but they've also made it tough for those chasing a playoff spot to pass teams in front of them.

"That's why it was so key for us to get a quick start this year," said Lightning forward Steven Stamkos. "In previous years, we were behind the 8-ball. It's so tough. You look at the Leafs the past couple years, you look at Carolina last year — tough starts and then you really pour it on at the end and sometimes it's not enough.

"It's a really tough hole to climb out of."

But hope shouldn't be lost in every city that has seen its team get off to a mediocre start. Detroit was one of four squads a year ago that was on the outside of the playoff picture on Nov. 30 and still managed to qualify in the spring — and the Red Wings did it with plenty of room to spare.

San Jose and Los Angeles are prime candidates to follow a similar path this season after recently dipping out of the top eight in the Western Conference, where the top-11 teams were separated by just six points heading into yesterday's games. The biggest surprises in the early going are Dallas and Columbus, which were ranked No. 2 and No. 4 respectively in the West yesterday morning. Both have received solid goaltending — with Kari Lehtonen resurrecting his career in Dallas and the tandem of Mathieu Garon and Steve Mason carrying the load for the Blue Jackets.

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### Canadian content

- None of the NHL's resurgent teams play in a Canadian city. Calgary and Edmonton sat at the bottom of the Western Conference prior to yesterday's play while the Maple Leafs were 13th in the East. Even Ottawa, a playoff team last spring, was out of the post-season picture.

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▶ Simon Gagne of the Tampa Bay Lightning, left, celebrates with teammate Brett Clark after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime against the Toronto Maple Leafs last night. After missing the playoff last year, the Lightning hold the No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference this year.

Opinion

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# THE WAIT IS OVER

**Let the record show that when the Ottawa Senators host the San Jose Sharks tomorrow night, it will have been 447 days since they traded star winger Dany Heatley to the Sharks in the most acrimonious transaction in team history.**

We're willing to bet that Heatley is even more despised in Ottawa than Alexei Yashin was. That's because with Yashin, it was all about money. With Zdeno Chara and Wade Redden, it was an organizational decision. One was really bad (choosing Redden over Chara) and one was good (allowing Redden to walk).

But when Heatley demanded a trade two summers ago, it was a rejection of the team, the franchise, the city and the coach.

That hurts. We get that. We also get that most of those in attendance will be compelled to boo their lungs out every time Heatley goes near the puck. And should Chris Neil add to his team leading 66 hits by plastering Heatley into the boards a couple of times over the course of the evening, the cheers will be even louder.

Yes, it was borderline personal with Ottawa. And that's exactly why it will be personal when Heatley returns.

The chat rooms and web sites seem to have all kinds of theories on why Heatley really left Ottawa, but there has never been any indication that it was anything other than Heatley not feeling the love from coach Cory Clouston and wanting out purely for hockey reasons.

The fact that Heatley put up 39 goals with the Sharks last season and went into last night's game against the Detroit Red Wings on pace for a 41-goal year this season hurts, particularly when Jonathan Cheechoo appears to have fallen off the face of the Earth.

Milan Michalek hasn't been bad for the Senators, but wouldn't young Logan Couture, who played his junior hockey with the Ottawa 67's, look good in a Senators uniform right about now?

So boo away, Ottawa fans. Get all this acrimony off your chests. The fact of the matter is Heatley signed a contract with the Senators in good faith, then stiffed the organization and left it in an almost untenable position. For that he should be booed lustily. Then when the night is over everybody, including Heatley, can move on with their lives.

Oh yeah, and let's keep it clean, too.

4 sports

### Men of honour

**Sidney Crosby**
Maclean's magazine has chosen Sidney Crosby of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins as its newsmaker of the year. Maclean's says the 23-year-old Cole Harbour, N.S., native was chosen for his gold medal-winning goal against the U.S. at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games.

**Drew Brees**
Drew Brees was honoured as Sports Illustrated's sportsman of the year for his championship on the field and his charity off it. Brees became the award's 57th recipient when the magazine made the announcement yesterday on the Today show. The quarterback led the long-suffering New Orleans Saints to their first Super Bowl title in February, lifting the spirits of the hurricane-battered city.

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# NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Washington | 25 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 86 | 68 | 36 | 12-1-0-1 | 5-5-1-0 | 6-2-1-1 | W3 |
| d-Philadelphia | 25 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 87 | 61 | 34 | 9-4-0-1 | 6-2-2-1 | 6-2-0-2 | L2 |
| d-Montreal | 24 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 60 | 47 | 31 | 9-4-1-0 | 6-4-0-0 | 7-3-0-0 | W1 |
| Pittsburgh | 26 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 79 | 62 | 34 | 7-5-1-0 | 9-3-1-0 | 9-0-1-0 | W7 |
| Tampa Bay | 25 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 77 | 81 | 31 | 6-2-1-1 | 8-6-1-0 | 6-3-0-1 | W1 |
| NY Rangers | 26 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 69 | 29 | 5-7-1-0 | 9-4-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | L1 |
| Atlanta | 24 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 80 | 75 | 27 | 8-5-0-1 | 4-4-1-1 | 6-4-0-0 | W5 |
| Boston | 22 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 59 | 46 | 26 | 4-5-0-2 | 8-3-0-0 | 4-5-0-1 | L2 |
| Carolina | 24 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 71 | 78 | 23 | 5-5-0-1 | 5-6-0-2 | 3-4-0-3 | L2 |
| Ottawa | 25 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 58 | 75 | 23 | 7-6-0-0 | 4-7-1-0 | 3-7-0-0 | L1 |
| Buffalo | 25 | 9 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 62 | 73 | 21 | 4-8-1-0 | 5-5-1-0 | 5-4-1-0 | L1 |
| Florida | 22 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 57 | 20 | 5-5-0-0 | 5-7-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Toronto | 23 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 65 | 20 | 6-4-2-1 | 2-7-0-1 | 3-6-1-0 | L3 |
| New Jersey | 24 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 69 | 18 | 4-5-1-1 | 4-9-0-0 | 4-5-0-1 | W1 |
| NY Islanders | 22 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 49 | 75 | 15 | 3-4-1-1 | 2-8-2-1 | 1-7-1-1 | W1 |

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| d-Detroit | 21 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 56 | 32 | 10-1-1-1 | 5-3-0-0 | 7-2-1-0 | W2 |
| d-Dallas | 23 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 62 | 29 | 8-3-0-1 | 6-5-0-0 | 6-3-0-1 | W4 |
| d-Vancouver | 22 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 59 | 27 | 8-2-0-1 | 4-5-1-1 | 5-4-1-0 | W2 |
| Columbus | 22 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 53 | 28 | 6-6-0-0 | 8-2-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | L2 |
| Chicago | 26 | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 79 | 74 | 28 | 5-7-0-0 | 8-4-1-1 | 5-4-0-1 | W2 |
| St. Louis | 22 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 57 | 57 | 27 | 8-1-0-1 | 4-6-1-1 | 4-5-0-1 | L2 |
| Phoenix | 22 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 66 | 65 | 27 | 5-3-2-1 | 6-3-2-0 | 7-1-1-1 | L1 |
| Colorado | 23 | 13 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 83 | 71 | 27 | 7-4-0-0 | 5-6-1-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Anaheim | 26 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 66 | 77 | 27 | 8-4-0-1 | 4-7-2-0 | 4-4-2-0 | W2 |
| San Jose | 22 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 65 | 63 | 26 | 7-3-2-0 | 4-4-2-0 | 5-2-3-0 | W1 |
| Los Angeles | 23 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 57 | 26 | 8-2-0-0 | 5-8-0-0 | 3-7-0-0 | L4 |
| Minnesota | 23 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 56 | 65 | 24 | 7-5-0-1 | 4-5-0-1 | 4-6-0-0 | L2 |
| Nashville | 22 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 60 | 23 | 3-1-3-2 | 6-7-0-0 | 4-4-0-2 | L4 |
| Calgary | 24 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 69 | 22 | 6-5-0-0 | 4-7-1-1 | 3-5-1-1 | W1 |
| Edmonton | 23 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 59 | 89 | 18 | 3-6-0-1 | 4-6-1-2 | 3-5-1-1 | W1 |

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**Last night's results**
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Phoenix at Nashville
St. Louis at Chicago
Atlanta at Colorado
Detroit at San Jose
**Monday's results**
Calgary 3 Minnesota 0
Edmonton 4 Ottawa 1
Anaheim 2 Los Angeles 0
Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Dallas 4 Carolina 1
**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Edmonton at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

## LIGHTNING 4, LEAFS 3 (OT)

**First Period**
1. Toronto, Versteeg 7 (Bozak, Gunnarsson) 1:25
**Penalties** — Komisarek Tor (tripping) 9:54, Versteeg Tor (tripping) 14:01.
**Second Period**
2. Tampa Bay, Malone 6 (Gagne) 5:18 (pp)
3. Toronto, Kulemin 8 (Kaberle, Versteeg) 11:51 (pp)
**Penalties** — Kulemin Tor (hooking) 1:16, Kulemin Tor (boarding) 3:50, Tampa Bay bench (too many men; served by Downie) 7:09, Hedman TB (tripping) 10:36, Jones TB (delay of game) 12:58.
**Third Period**
4. Toronto, Kulemin 9 (Crabb, Komisarek) 7:23
5. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 9 (Downie) 8:25
6. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 10 (Stamkos, Moore) 19:51
**Penalties** — Kulemin Tor (hooking) 1:15, Jones TB (holding stick) 11:07.
**Overtime**
7. Tampa Bay, Gagne 1 (Clark) 1:15
**Penalties** — None.
**Shots**

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| Tampa Bay | 17 | 12 | 9 | 1—39 |
| Toronto | 7 | 13 | 5 | 0—25 |

**Goal** — Tampa Bay: Ellis (W,6-4-3); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,3-6-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 1-5; Toronto: 1-4.
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## LATE MONDAY

### FLAMES 3, WILD 0

**First Period**
No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Regehr Cal (hooking) 6:31, Clutterbuck Minn (slashing) 18:59.
**Second Period**
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 3 (Iginla, Tanguay) 3:08
2. Calgary, Iginla 10 (Tanguay, Giordano) 3:26
**Penalty** — Stajan Cal (hooking) 13:35.
**Third Period**
3. Calgary, Hagman 7 (Jokinen, Bourque) 18:31 (pp)
**Penalties** — Giordano Cal (interference) 7:32, Schultz Minn (hooking) 11:06, Burns Minn (tripping) 17:20.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 12 | 7 | 13 | 32 |
| Calgary | 11 | 10 | 10 | 31 |

**Goal** — Minnesota: Theodore (L,3-3-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,9-11-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-3; Calgary: 1-3.
**Att.** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

## SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | PT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crosby, Pgh | 18 | 23 | 41 |
| Stamkos, TB | 21 | 18 | 39 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 10 | 22 | 32 |
| Semin, Wash | 18 | 12 | 30 |
| St. Louis, TB | 8 | 21 | 29 |
| E.Staal, Car | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| B.Richards, Dal | 11 | 17 | 28 |
| Sharp, Chi | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| Backstrom, Wash | 9 | 18 | 27 |
| H.Sedin, Vcr | 2 | 25 | 27 |
| Perry, Ana | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Hejduk, Col | 8 | 18 | 26 |
| C.Stewart, Col | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Eriksson, Dal | 10 | 15 | 25 |
| Byfuglien, Atl | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| M.Richards, Pha | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 7 | 18 | 25 |
| Heatley, SJ | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| P.Kane, Chi | 9 | 15 | 24 |

**Not including last night's games**

# TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

### MLB

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Yoshinori Tateyama on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Marty Brown manager of Las Vegas (PCL), Mike Redmond manager of Lansing (MWL), Sal Fasano manager of New Hampshire (EL), Omar Malave manager of the Blue Jays (GCL), John Schneider manager and Jim Czajkowski pitching coach of Vancouver (NWL), Dennis Holmberg manager of Bluefield (Appalachian) and Rick Langford pitching rehab coordinator.
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with SS Troy Tulowitzki on a 10-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with C Humberto Quintero on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Juan Uribe on a three-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Acquired INF Ryan Theriot from the Los Angeles Dodgers for RHP Blake Hawksworth. Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Tallet on a one-year contract.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Charlotte G-F Stephen Jackson one game for verbal abuse of a game official and for failing to leave the court in a timely manner following his ejection during Saturday's game at Milwaukee.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Assigned F Craig Brackins to Springfield (NBADL).

## FOOTBALL

### NFL

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived S Ken Hamlin. Signed FB Jason McKie.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed G Marc Dile and DB Trae Williams.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed PK Clint Stitser. Waived PK Aaron Pettrey.

## HOCKEY

### NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned C Patrice Cormier to Chicago (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled F Jeremy Morin from Rockford (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned F Matt Kassian to Houston (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Loaned G Michael Leighton to Adirondack (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Traded F Tomas Fleischmann to Colorado for D Scott Hannan.

### ECHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined the Las Vegas Wranglers an undisclosed amount for its actions following Saturday's game at Ontario. Suspended Cincinnati D Carl Hudson one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for a major penalty and game misconduct during Sunday's game at Trenton. Suspended Utah F Chris Donovan one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for a match penalty during Sunday's game at Ontario.
ELMIRA JACKALS—Loaned C Brock McBride to Houston (AHL) and D Jody Pederson to Worcester (AHL).

## LACROSSE

### NLL

MINNESOTA SWARM—Announced the retirement of D Colin Achenbach.

## SOCCER

### MLS

TORONTO FC—Traded M Joseph Nane to Colorado for a 2012 third-round draft pick.

# NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 13 | 4 | .765 | — |
| New York | 10 | 9 | .526 | 4 |
| Toronto | 6 | 11 | .353 | 7 |
| New Jersey | 6 | 12 | .333 | 7½ |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 13 | .278 | 8½ |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 13 | 4 | .765 | — |
| Atlanta | 11 | 7 | .611 | 2½ |
| Miami | 10 | 8 | .556 | 3½ |
| Charlotte | 6 | 11 | .353 | 7 |
| Washington | 5 | 11 | .313 | 7½ |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 9 | 6 | .600 | — |
| Indiana | 8 | 7 | .533 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 7 | 10 | .412 | 3 |
| Milwaukee | 6 | 11 | .353 | 4 |
| Detroit | 6 | 12 | .333 | 4½ |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 14 | 2 | .875 | — |
| Dallas | 13 | 4 | .765 | 1½ |
| New Orleans | 12 | 5 | .706 | 2½ |
| Memphis | 7 | 10 | .412 | 7½ |
| Houston | 5 | 12 | .294 | 9½ |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 14 | 5 | .737 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 12 | 6 | .667 | 1½ |
| Denver | 10 | 6 | .625 | 2½ |
| Portland | 8 | 9 | .471 | 5 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 13 | .235 | 9 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 13 | 4 | .765 | — |
| Golden State | 8 | 9 | .471 | 5 |
| Phoenix | 8 | 9 | .471 | 5 |
| Sacramento | 4 | 11 | .267 | 8 |
| L.A. Clippers | 3 | 15 | .167 | 10½ |

**Last night's results**
Boston 106 Cleveland 87
Orlando 90 Detroit 79
Philadelphia 88 Portland 79
New York 111 New Jersey 100
L.A. Lakers at Memphis
Indiana at Sacramento
San Antonio at Golden State
**Monday's results**
Miami 105 Washington 94
Oklahoma City 95 New Orleans 89
Dallas 101 Houston 91
Utah 109 Milwaukee 88
**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Memphis at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## SCORING AVERAGE

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Durant, OKC | 16 | 142 | 130 | 437 | 27.3 |
| Rose, CHI | 14 | 144 | 66 | 372 | 26.6 |
| Bryant, LAL | 17 | 152 | 121 | 451 | 26.5 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 17 | 165 | 94 | 437 | 25.7 |
| Ellis, GOL | 17 | 161 | 78 | 424 | 24.9 |
| Gordon, LAC | 16 | 126 | 117 | 388 | 24.3 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 18 | 138 | 147 | 429 | 23.8 |
| Anthony, DEN | 16 | 135 | 98 | 380 | 23.8 |
| James, MIA | 18 | 137 | 136 | 427 | 23.7 |
| Stoudemire, NYK | 18 | 151 | 115 | 422 | 23.4 |
| Martin, HOU | 17 | 109 | 129 | 385 | 22.6 |
| Howard, ORL | 16 | 125 | 112 | 362 | 22.6 |
| Williams, UTA | 19 | 137 | 113 | 417 | 21.9 |
| Granger, IND | 15 | 115 | 56 | 326 | 21.7 |
| Wade, MIA | 17 | 121 | 113 | 367 | 21.6 |

**Not including last night's games**

# CURLING

## CANADA CUP

**At Medicine Hat, Alberta**
**Round Robin**
**Today games**
**(All times Eastern)**
**Draw 1, 10:30 a.m.**
Nedohin vs. Kleibrink
Lawton vs. Nichols
Jones vs. Carey
Bernard vs. Scott
Holland vs. McCarville
**Draw 2, 2:30 p.m.**
Ferbey vs. Fowler
Martin vs. Reid
McEwen vs. Camm
Howard vs. Stoughton
Koe vs. Bawel
**Draw 3, 6:30 p.m.**
Lawton vs. Scott
McCarville vs. Bernard
Nedohin vs. Holland
Nichols vs. Jones
Carey vs. Kleibrink
**Draw 4, 10:30 p.m.**
Stoughton vs. McEwen
Bawel vs. Howard
Fowler vs. Koe
Camm vs. Martin
Reid vs. Ferbey
**Tomorrow's games**
**Draw 5, 11 a.m.**
Koe vs. Reid
Ferbey vs. Camm
Carey vs. Nichols
Scott vs. Holland
Jones vs. Lawton
**Draw 6, 3:30 p.m.**
Nichols vs. Bernard
Stoughton vs. Koe
Kleibrink vs. Lawton
Fowler vs. Bawel
Martin vs. McEwen
**Draw 6, 8 p.m.**
Jones vs. McCarville
Scott vs. Nedohin
Bawel vs. Stoughton
Reid vs. Camm
Fowler vs. Howard

# FOOTBALL

## NCAA

### AP TOP 25

**(All times Eastern)**
**Friday's gmame**
**No. 24** Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
**Saturday's games**
**No. 1** Oregon at Oregon State, 3:30 p.m.
**No. 2** Auburn vs. **No. 18** South Carolina (at Atlanta), 4 p.m.
**No. 9** Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
**No. 10** Oklahoma vs. **No. 13** Nebraska (at Arlington, Texas), 8 p.m.
**No. 12** Virginia Tech vs. **No. 20** Florida State (at Charlotte, N.C.), 7:45 p.m.
**No. 14** Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
**No. 23** West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon
**No. 25** Hawaii vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

# SOCCER

## ENGLAND

### LEAGUE CUP

**Quarter-finals**
**Yesterday's results**
Arsenal 2 Wigan 0
West Ham 4 Manchester United 0

## ITALY

### ITALIAN CUP

**Fourth Round**
**Yesterday's results**
Chievo Verona 3 Novara 0
Fiorentina 3 Reggina 0

## FRANCE

### LIGUE 1

**Yesterday's results**
Brest 4 Lens 1

# NFL

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 334 | 266 |
| N.Y. Jets | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 264 | 187 |
| Miami | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 205 | 225 |
| Buffalo | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 229 | 295 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indianapolis | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 282 | 252 |
| Jacksonville | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 240 | 294 |
| Houston | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 264 | 287 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 257 | 218 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 250 | 188 |
| Pittsburgh | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 254 | 181 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 216 | 229 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 225 | 288 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 285 | 231 |
| San Diego | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 310 | 225 |
| Oakland | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 255 | 256 |
| Denver | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 250 | 323 |

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 277 | 240 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 310 | 257 |
| Washington | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 215 | 262 |
| Dallas | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 256 | 301 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 276 | 209 |
| New Orleans | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 265 | 197 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 219 | 223 |
| Carolina | 1 | 10 | 0 | .091 | 140 | 276 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 222 | 172 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 269 | 166 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 189 | 239 |
| Detroit | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 258 | 282 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 209 | 275 |
| St. Louis | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 213 | 231 |
| San Francisco | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 187 | 225 |
| Arizona | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 194 | 319 |

### WEEK 12

**Monday's result**
San Francisco 27 Arizona 6
**Sunday's results**
Atlanta 20 Green Bay 17
Baltimore 17 Tampa Bay 10
Chicago 31 Philadelphia 26
Cleveland 24 Carolina 23
Houston 20 Tennessee 0
Kansas City 42 Seattle 24
Miami 33 Oakland 17
Minnesota 17 Washington 13
N.Y. Giants 24 Jacksonville 20
Pittsburgh 19 Buffalo 16 (OT)
St. Louis 36 Denver 33
San Diego 36 Indianapolis 14

### WEEK 13

**Tomorrow's game**
**(All times Eastern)**
Houston at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
**Sunday's games**
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
**Monday, Dec. 6**
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

After years of hype the Volt is finally here, but will there be an electrical storm?

The inner workings of the Volt catapult the four-door sedan into another world of engineering. This would be fine for a one-off show car, but the fact the tooling exists to mass-produce this car — to the tune of 45,000 in the first year — is simply mind-boggling.

# Chevy leads the electric revolution

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An automobile revolution is upon us and the Chevrolet Volt is literally leading the charge.

The Volt is one of the most talked-about and eagerly anticipated automobiles of all time since it will be the first truly practical electrical vehicle available for public consumption.

The production Volt is a far cry from the flashier 2007 concept version that toured the auto-show circuit. What has emerged is a fairly conservative compact-sized four-door with a steeply raked windshield, Malibu-inspired nose and a squared-off rear deck. The designers claim that the car looks the way it does so as to slice the air as cleanly as possible, aided by a set of low-rolling-resistance tires.

The Volt concept is simple. The onboard batteries power the electric motor for about 65 kilometres of combined city/highway driving, after which a 1.4-litre four-cylinder gasoline generator engine kicks in to charge the lithium-ion battery pack.

The Volt's information screen shows a mix of battery life and fuel left in the tank for the generator engine.

Total range is about 480 kilometres before either refueling the generator engine with premium-grade pump gas or recharging the 180-kilogram T-shaped battery pack that extends along the car's spine.

The generator itself is rated at 60 kilowatts, or the equivalent of 80 horsepower, while the electric motor produces 111 kilowatts (150 horsepower) and 273 pound-feet of torque.

Since the Volt is electrically powered, there's no transmission per se, but it uses a single-speed controller to engage the drive wheels. However, the operator can select Normal, Sport or Mountain mode, with the latter providing power on steep grades.

Commuters who want to simply charge up the Volt each night for the next day's drive need no special gear; they can plug right into a standard 120-volt electrical outlet.

But where a typical gas fill-up might take 10 minutes, charging takes 10 hours. That time can be cut to three to four hours when using the optional 240-volt charging station.

Although Volt sales won't likely begin in Canada until sometime in mid-2011, GM is planning to find homes for as many as 45,000 units in North America in the car's first year on the market.

There's also no official word on what the car will sell for in Canada, but since a base price of $41,000 has been announced in the U.S., a best guess would be somewhere in the $48,000 to $50,000 range.

That's pretty pricey for most buyers, but some of that cost will be offset through significant fuel savings, not to mention the value attached to piloting the most electrifying vehicle on the road.

## The Volt

**What you should know about the 2011 Volt:**

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback sedan
- **Engines (hp):** 111-kilowatt electric drive (150)
- **Transmissions:** Single-speed controller
- **Market Position:** The Volt is the first electric vehicle to be supported by a range-extending four-cylinder internal-combustion engine; it eliminates most of the negatives associated with electric cars
- **Points:** Compared to a traditional hybrid where the electric motor helps the gas engine, the job of the Volt's gas engine is to charge the batteries when they run low; extreme cold weather adversely affects battery performance; 240-volt charging station not included in price; eight-year/160,000-kilometre battery warranty is comforting
- **Stats:** MPG (city/hwy) 1.0 l/100 km (estimated); Base price (incl. dest.) $49,000 (estimated, excluding government rebates)

5 drive

## By comparison

**Mitsubishi i-MiEV**
Base price: $25,000
Electric sub-compact ideally suited for inner-city use arrives in late 2011.

**Toyota Prius**
**Base price:** $23,600
Popular fuel-efficient gas-electric hybrid will offer plug-in version in 2011.

**Nissan Leaf**
**Base price:** $32,800
Electric-only model will likely sell in mid-$20,000 range after rebate.

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# SIMULATE YOUR WAY TO FUEL ENLIGHTENMENT

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▶ Natural Resources Canada is taking its Eco-Simulator to car shows across the country to educate drivers about fuel-saving driving behaviour.

Individual driving styles and habits have a huge bearing on fuel consumption.

This is not news, of course, and most drivers know the difference between a "fuel-ish" driving behaviour and a good one.

Most times it just comes down to common sense — like refraining from tire-smoking burnouts after dropping the kids off at nursery school, using highways more often than sidewalks, and taking the dead moose off the car roof after hunting season.

But according to Natural Resources Canada (NRC), drivers don't often put into practice what they know, and are unaware of what can be achieved by even a relatively small change in driving behaviour.

Which is why NRC has embarked on the mission to take its Eco-Simulator to car shows across the country.

Maybe you've already seen it — it looks like a huge video game, with three large screens and a driver's seat.

"It's a great way of engaging people into this subject," says NCR's Andrew Pape, one of the simulator's handlers. "It's also kind of cool. It attracts lots of attention."

Wherever it goes, there is no shortage of willing participants, says Pape.

I absolutely agree with the premise of the Eco-Simulator: Make the lesson a competition.

Participates get a practice run, then some coaching by NCR on the five time-honoured ways to improve fuel efficiency — accelerate gently, maintain a steady speed, anticipate traffic, coast to decelerate and avoid high speeds.

Pape says when the participants use all five strategies in their second run they usually improve their fuel efficiency score by an average of 25 per cent.

On my one run I achieved a simulated score of 4.41 L/100 km. I didn't do a second because the simulator gave me simulated nausea.

As all participants, I get a printout showing where I deviated from a "best practice" performance. The world record on this device is 3.51 L/100 km, set by auto journalist Russ Bond.

My main problem was going too slow — I often didn't get into the "top gear" which would have given my "vehicle" greater efficiency. Pape says the game's sweet spot for fuel efficiency is 50 to 80 km/hr, exactly where it is in real driving.

Just like real driving, the simulator doesn't take kindly to illegal maneuvers. You get penalized, for example, if you roll through stop signs or go too slowly or too quickly.

And whenever a 17-year-old lad takes a seat and proceeds to Grand Theft Auto his way through the exercise, to show off his disregard for fuel efficiency, Pape and company can do even more than penalize.

"We can turn the road to ice, so he spins off, or we can blow up one of his tires." Nice.

# Scion comes to Canada

## SECOND GEAR

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One of Scion's most interesting models is called the xB, whose first-generation spanned model years 2004 to 2006.

The funky, squared-off five-door crossover wagon initially rode a modified Toyota Yaris platform and boasted big utility, uniqueness and a high degree of customizability. The xB was restyled and updated for the 2007 model year and remains on sale now.

All first-generation xB models got a 1.5 litre four-cylinder engine with just over 100 horsepower driving the front wheels via a four-speed automatic or five-speed manual.

Power accessories, air conditioning and a long list of options like satellite radio, a subwoofer, alloy wheels and cabin mood lighting could be specified.

### The specs

- **MODEL:** 2004 to 2006 Scion xB
- **VEHICLE TYPE:** Compact crossover
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE:** $10,000 to $13,000

**History/Description**
Scion is a youthful and dynamic brand of Toyota that's now selling in the Canadian marketplace via a dealer network set up in selected cities.

**What Owners Like**
Passenger room, cargo space, visibility, ride comfort, utility and gas mileage are all rated highly by xB owners. Decent handling and the powerful up-level stereo equipment were also praised.

**What Owners Hate**
Typical complaints of the xB centre around its meagre power output and limited performance during passing and merging. Engine noise and some "cheap" interior parts were other common gripes from Scion owners.

**Common Issues**
No serious issues were apparent with major vehicle systems in the xB, though some common sense and a thorough inspection should still be considered mandatory.

▶ The Scion xB

**The Verdict**
A well cared-for xB should prove reliable and unique — though some shoppers will prefer the Honda Element or Nissan Cube for something more familiar and proven.

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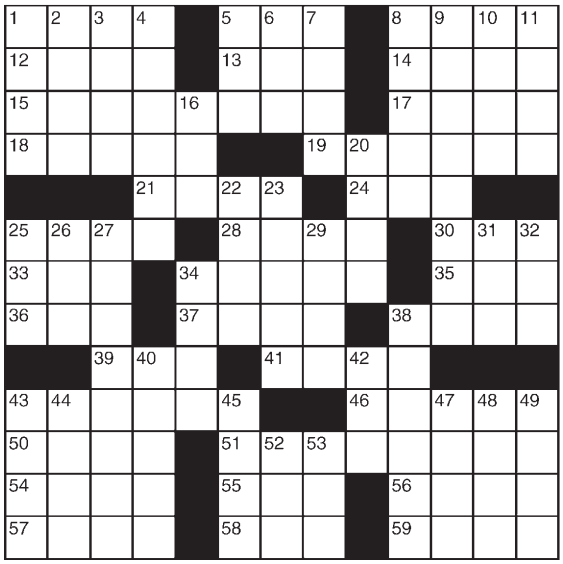

**Across**

1 Radar signal
5 Type measures
8 Trudge along
12 Top-notch
13 Square root of XLIX
14 Michigan, e.g.
15 Bartender's announcement
17 Largest of the seven
18 Preamble
19 Young cat
21 Payable
24 Piglet's mama
25 Jack's companion
28 Actress Moore
30 In need of repair
33 Coach Parseghian
34 Shoe fasteners
35 Roulette bet
36 Existed
37 Muscat's country
38 Tosses in
39 Seesaw quorum
41 4-Down, e.g.
43 Storefront feature
46 George Eliot's Mr. Marner
50 Line of fashion?
51 Desperate final effort
54 Office part-timer
55 Type
56 Walk in the woods
57 Praiseful verses
58 Chesapeake, e.g.
59 Folk-music byline abbr.

**Down**

1 "— Ha'i"
2 Give for a time
3 Research facility (Abbr.)
4 Rolls-Royce requirement
5 Actress — Longoria Parker
6 Wire measure
7 Lustrous fabric
8 Aristotle's teacher
9 Most fashionable example
10 Tom Joad, e.g.
11 Jerry's longtime partner
16 Intimidate
20 Wife of Osiris
22 Cheese choice
23 Starbucks request
25 Mandible
26 George's brother
27 Smith or Jones
29 Carte
31 Started
32 Dentist's deg.
34 Symbol of craziness
38 Dismount
40 Cowardly sorts
42 "Guinness Book" suffix
43 Regarding
44 Garden intruder
45 Smooth-talking
47 Den
48 "— silly question, ..."
49 raced
52 Chicken-king link
53 Firmament

▶ Yesterday's answer

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## Sudoku

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| | 5 | 1 | 9 | | 7 | 4 | 8 | |
| 8 | | | | 9 | | | | 2 |
| | | 9 | 6 | | 8 | 7 | | |
| | | 7 | | | | 6 | | |

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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| 5 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| 2 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
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| 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| 4 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
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*Calabacito: You know how much I love you hon. And now the world knows it too. I Love You Babe* **YOUR COCONUT**

*Princess, I never realized what true love felt like till the day I met you. You're my soulmate, best friend, and hopefully one day soon, my life partner. You make my heart race every-time I see you.* **BB XOXOX**

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**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** You may have to do business with someone you don't like today. Be nice because your prosperity depends on how well you can work together. Think of your bank account balance.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May** Let others know what you think, even if it means provoking a backlash from people who would rather you did not point out their faults. Make it your business to stir things up.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** People are dragging their feet and holding you back. It's about time you did something about it. If they want to take their time, that's fine. But as far as you are concerned, they can do so on their own.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** A partnership issue has come to a head and you must deal with it quickly and cleanly. There is no point ignoring it and hoping that it will go away because it won't. Be decisive.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** Don't worry too much if you have fallen behind in your schedule because you will catch up towards the end of the week. For now, take life as it comes and work only when you feel to.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Make a fuss today. Let others know that you will not put up with second rate service. As a Virgo, you always give of your best and you have every right to demand that others do their best when dealing with you.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** There are a lot of bad things going on in the world but it is still a fantastic place. Keep that in mind today. Don't let negative people spoil your mood. The world needs more smiles.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** You may not know why a so-called "expert" is lying to you, but your sixth sense tells you he or she is. When was the last time your sixth sense was wrong? Follow your instincts.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** You can, at times, be impulsive. It's one of the things you are good at. But if you take an unnecessary risk today, it could end in tears. If an offer sounds too good to be true that means it is.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** Today, you will see what has been hidden from view these past few weeks. Don't act on this new information immediately — that's what your rivals will be expecting.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** If you let your anxieties get out of hand today, it won't do you good. The events of your life are part of a preordained design that unfolds over time, so trust that you'll always be safe.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** A friend needs your advice but you are not sure you want to get involved. Call it as you see it but suggest, gently, that he or she might also want to get some sort of professional help.

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